

The first response to any disaster is a local response.

***“The Southwest Virginia Medical***

***Reserve Corps will provide a***

***systematic, coordinated and***

***effective voluntary medical***

***response to any type of disaster***

***affecting our local communities.”***

If you live or work in any of the 13 counties or 3 cities of southwestern Virginia and you have the skills, training and interest in being a part of the emergency response system in your community, please contact the Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps today. Each of us can make a difference.

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## Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps



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## What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps is a cadre of volunteer health care



professionals and auxiliary staff who are trained to respond and assist the local Emergency

Response Systems in the 13 counties and 3 cities that comprise southwestern Virginia.

Our Medical Reserve Corps unit is part of a growing movement of hundreds of communities throughout the nation that are organizing similar responses to natural and man-made disasters. The Medical Reserve Corps:

- **Provides the essential conduit for health professionals to efficiently volunteer their expertise**
- **Prepares volunteers for their emergency response roles in advance**
- **Provides critical “surge” capacity during large-scale emergencies**

## Who should register?



**Practicing, retired or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as, but not limited too:**

- Physician/Physician's Assistant
- Nurses—RN & LPN
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Veterinarians
- Paramedics
- Mental Health Professionals
- Nurse Practitioners
- Massage Therapists
- Respiratory Therapists
- Epidemiologists

## Auxiliary Members

**Community members without medical training will also play a vital role in the Medical Reserve Corps, such as**

- Clergy
- Translators
- Administrative Assistants
- Educators
- Veterans
- Sign-Language Interpreters
- Lawyers
- All other interested community members

## Reserve Corps Training



Training for

MRC members will vary. It may include CPR/First Aid, trauma response techniques, local emergency procedures, Incident Command Systems, triage, crisis intervention and management, as well as, community health education.

Once initial training is completed and medical licenses and/or certifications have been verified, the MRC member will be ready for activation.

To register for training and service, contact the Southwest VA MRC at:

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